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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,
AND MAGNETIC RECORDING AND
REPRODUCING APPARATUS
Art Unit: 2651
Examiner: Mercedes, Dismery E.

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AMENDMENT D

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 5, 2005, and the Advisory Action mailed March 30, 2006, please amend the above-identified Application as follows: